

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012
6:15 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street.

President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Dave Malson, Will St. John and James Zachery. Paul Barada Sr. and Aaron Gurley were absent. Also present were: Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Mike Pavey, Pool Manager Rita Kaster, Assistant Pool Manager Gina Dyer, Attorney Tracy Newhouse and Parks Liaison Brad Berkemeier.

Minutes: Minutes of July 10, 2012 was presented for approval. Malson made a motion to approve July 10th minutes. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims: St. John and Zachery reviewed the claims prior to the meeting. St. John made a motion to approve the claims for the month. Malson seconded the motion. Claims approved for the month.

Parks Director's Report: Gospel Sing – Saturday, September 8th. Flyers were handed out. Mathews asked permission to approve \$500 for Mark Hackler for sound and set up for Gospel Sing. Malson moved to approve the \$500 for Hackler for sound and set up. St. John seconded the motion.

Mathews stated he will take the \$500 out of Special Events.

Nancy Mitchell is organizing the Gospel Sing and they also have a Gospel band coming in from Versailles. He feels they will have a nice line up this year.

Sharpe invited all to the last and final concert, of the season, at the Amphitheater is Saturday, August 25. Headliner an Innocent Band (Billy Joel Tribute Band) with Opener Rob Dixon & Trilogy, an Indy Jazz Fest Affiliated Event.

Mathews stated the vandalism has slowed down a bit other than the new City of Rushville sign that was painted on 52.

Parks Department is back to mowing again.

Reports from Other Committees & Boards:

Rita Kaster – Swimming Pool Update – Kaster introduced her Assistant Pool Manager Gina Dyer. Kaster stated it has been a great season. Had 25 pool parties, 39 swim lessons, 13 City employees used free passes and water fitness had about 10-12 people participating all summer. Averaged about 103 people per day at the pool. The pool was open for 70 days.

Kaster stated they really need some new lawn chairs.

All in all, it has been a great season, great kids with a good work ethic.

The pool is closed, has been cleaned and it all went very smooth.

She will have two employees not returning next year, two maybe not returning next year but the rest of them employees wish to return next year.

Kaster stated that her and Dyer plan on returning next year.

Malson stated he appreciated all their help and that they did a nice job.

Mathews stated they kept him away from the pool and he appreciates that.

St. John asked Kaster and Dyer to make a wish list of things that needs done at the pool.

Kaster stated her and Dyer will paint if the City gets the paint.

Kaster stated she would like to start taking applications in February and get everyone hired before Spring Break.

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The board asked Kaster and Dyer to have their wish list back to the board by November.

The entire board thanked Kaster and Dyer for their service.

Sharpe is to put this back on the agenda in a month or two for their re-hire.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Lightning Policy @ Sporting Events – Mayor Pavey stated he has received complaints on the lightning policy at sporting events and feels we need to include a policy in the lease when there is lightning at the ball fields, especially when a kid is using an aluminum bat.

Malson made a motion to add to the Ball Lease Agreements that during lightning, everyone needs to clear the fields; no matter if the lightening is 15 miles away, it shall be mandated for everyone to clear the fields.

After further discussion Zachery made a motion to institute a lightning policy in the lease agreements that mandates all players to be removed from the ball diamonds which includes the dugouts completely, per lightning strikes. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Riverside Park – Heart of Rushville Contract – Mayor Pavey shared with the board that there needs to be a formal contract, as per the State Board of Accounts, that the Amphitheater needs to be a Department within the City or it needs to distance itself away from the City.

Pavey stated him and the Attorney put a contract together which is in four year increments.

They could have put a \$1.00 lease agreement but decided to go with a monetary amount of \$2,000 this year. Riverside Park has already invested \$4,000 this year.

This contract needs to go to the State Board of Accounts as soon as possible.

Malson stated he would like to see a change in paragraph 1 to state that if either party wishes to renew the lease or terminate the lease he thinks it should be on a yearly basis. He said the Heart of Rushville could change people, there may be an alcohol issue that needs to be revisited and would prefer the City revisit this on January 1st of each year. This would give the board the right to bring people in. He feels that every four years could be a problem.

Malson asked if the Heart of Rushville is wanting to use the grounds for other events or just concerts. Pavey stated just concerts only.

Malson stated that Gospels and Churches would continue to come before Mathews for permission.

He would like to see the contract reviewed and renewed every year.

Malson stated he has no problem with every four years but wants to make sure the City can terminate on or before January 1st of each year.

Pavey suggested continuing the lease on a four year term and if any issues arise then revisit January 1st of each year if need be.

Malson moved to approve the agreement with the wording added that if any issues arise the agreement can be revisited at the beginning of the year. The City and Heart is subject to change the wording of Paragraph 1 providing that the City or Heart shall have the right to terminate this agreement if done so in writing on January 1 of each calendar year of each term or renewable terms.

Malson also stated that paragraph 4 w the Mayor may determine the number of promotional hours as per the State Board of Accounts.

Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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There being no further business, Malson moved to adjourn the meeting. Zachery seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

PAUL BARADA SR., VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MALSON, MEMBER

WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER

AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY